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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE EAST GERMAN COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

1. A 35 MEMBER EAST GERMAN DELEGATION LEFT MAPUTO JULY 10 AFTER HAVING CONCLUDED SEVEN AGREEMENTS EXPANDING GDR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE GDR MOZAMBIQUE JOINT COMMISSION BEGAN IN MAPUTO JULY 5. THE GERMAN GROUP WAS LED BY COAL AND ENERGY MINISTER KLAUS SIEBOLD AND INCLUDED VICE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN TRADE, AVIATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT ON JULY 10 SIEBOLD AND GPRM INDUSTRY AND ENERGY MINISTER MARIO MACHUNGO SIGNED ACCORDS WHICH WOULD TRIPLE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR. THE TWO NATIONS AGREED TO COOPERATE IN:

A. MINERAL EXPLORATION IN ZAMBEZIA AND MANICA PROVINCES:

B. CONSTRUCTION OF A TEXTILE FACTORY, EMPLOYING 2500 WORKERS IN QUELIMANE (EARLIER PRESS REPORT SAID THE PLANT WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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IN MOCUBA, 100 MILES NORTH OF QUELIMANE)

C. CREATION OF A TRUCK ASSEMBLY PLANT AT BEIRA.

D. INSTALLATION OF HIGH TENSION LINES TO SUPPLY POWER TO NAMPULA AND NACALA.

E. TRAINING OF MOZAMBIQUE STUDENTS IN THE GDR AND SUPPLY OF INSTRUCTORS AND EQUIPMENT FOR MANPOWER TRAINING IN MOZAMBIQUE

F. STUDIES TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN NIASSA

PROVINCE PARTICULARLY BANANAS AND CITRUS.

3. OTHER RECENT GDR-PRM BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN IN THE FIELDS OF AVIATION MINING SHIPPING AND FISHERIES. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT EAST GERMAN BOATS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO FISH IN MOZAMBIQUE WATERS.

4. COMMENT: THESE AGREEMENTS IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT ECONOMIC SECTORS REINFORCE THE ALREADY STRONG TIES BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND EAST GERMANY. AFTER THE SOVIET UNION, THE GDR HAS BEEN MOZAMBIQUE'S CLOSEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL COMMUNIST ALLY. ALTHOUGH DETAILS AND TIMETABLES FOR THE AGREED PROJECTS WERE NOT REVEALED MOZAMBIQUE HAS BEEN SHOPPING FOR PARTNERS FOR SOME OF THE PROJECTS (SUCH AS MINERALS EXPLORATION, NIASSA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND VEHICLE ASSEMBLY) FOR SOME TIME. THOUGH THE AGREEMENTS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE WESTERN PARTICIPATION IN THE SAME SECTORS, IT DOES GIVE THE GERMANS A SIGNIFICANT HEAD START AIDING INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE CALLED FOR BY FRELIMO'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIRECTIVES

5. DURING HIS VISIT, SIEBOLD WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL. DE PREE

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